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the Centennial Celebration of Mexico the Mexico Society of New York is being organized, in which Mr. Hamilton Holt of our executive committee is the leading spirit. Judge J. W. Gerard of the New York Supreme Court, who was special Ambassador to Mexico at the time of the celebration, is its president, and a future of large influence seems to be assured. The object of the society is to bring together leading citizens of the two countries for mutual acquaintance and conference on subjects of common interest, in the belief that by so doing commercial and friendly relations between the two countries will be strengthened.

Members who have not kept in close touch with the growth of the Society in membership and influence will not easily realize the important service their Society is doing in the carrying on of a large correspondence with lovers of peace everywhere, and in being a centre for the diffusion of information through interviews in the office, through public meetings, and by the mailing of literature in response to the calls which come from all parts of this country, and even from foreign lands.

Although the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* will, of course, deal at length in other columns with the more than princely gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to the peace cause, we cannot close this report without expressing the gratitude and exultation which is felt in the event. After January 1, 1911, the trustees of this fund will take the place of Mr. Carnegie in the support of this and other societies to which he has been contributing. This arrangement will be tentative, continuing as we understand for one year, further support to be conditioned upon "the results produced by each, of which the year's trial will enable the trustees to judge." It will be well for the members of the New York Peace Society to understand that, while the establishment of the Carnegie Peace Fund makes possible the building up of a great society in New York with far-reaching influence, it can be done only at the cost of their enthusiastic and earnest coöperation. This we doubt not will be given, and the officers of the Society venture to hope that the impulse coming from the great gift will result in doubling or trebling its membership and support during the coming twelve months. In view of this change in the source of income, our Society can well congratulate itself that it will continue to have as its president the man who stands preëminent in all the world as a lover and advocate of international peace, and who gives constant time and thought to its influence and success.

The American School Peace League.

BY FANNIE FERN ANDREWS, SECRETARY.

Since the annual meeting held in Boston last July with the National Education Association many events have transpired which point to a vigorous peace propaganda, not only among the teachers of this country, but of Europe as well. The Secretary's work in Europe, extending over a period of three months, is the beginning of an international educational campaign, and before the end of the year it is hoped that an international council will be organized through which systematic organized work may be pursued. A complete report of the Secretary's summer work will be found in the Second Annual

Report of the League, which can be obtained by addressing the Secretary, 405 Marlborough Street, Boston.

About the middle of October the Secretary addressed the Chicago Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, on "Educational Work for Peace," and the following week gave two addresses before the National Association of Collegiate Alumnae at its annual convention in Denver. The first of these addresses, given at Colorado University, was entitled "Education and International Peace," the audience consisting not only of the members of the convention, but the faculty and students of the University. The second, entitled "The New Internationalism," was given at an open meeting of the convention in the library auditorium at Denver.

While in Denver the Secretary spoke to the teachers, who had been called together by Superintendent Chadsey, and on the following day, at the invitation of Dr. Chadsey, some hundred or more teachers assembled to organize a Colorado Branch of the America School Peace League. Superintendent Chadsey was elected president, and Miss Dora M. Moore, Principal of the Corona School, secretary. It was voted that the Colorado Branch should hold a meeting during the convention of the Colorado Teachers' Association, which was to convene the following month. At this latter meeting the directors of the Branch were elected, and literature was distributed, which had been sent by the Secretary.

After leaving Denver the Secretary visited Lincoln, Neb., and made arrangements with Superintendent Stephens for the organization of a Nebraska Branch of the League on the occasion of the State Teachers' Association Convention. The League secured the services of Professor P. P. Claxton of the University of Tennessee, who spoke to a magnificent audience of twenty-five hundred teachers. On the following day a Nebraska Branch was organized.

From Lincoln the Secretary went to St. Louis at the invitation of Superintendent Blewett, and gave three addresses. The first was given before the faculty and students of Teachers' Training College, the second before the teachers and the fifteen hundred pupils of the Soldan High School, and the last at a meeting of the St. Louis teachers. Superintendent Blewett presided here, as also at the two schools, and introduced Congressman Bartholdt, who had come to the meeting with the chairman of the St. Louis School Board. Mr. Bartholdt gave a forceful address and then introduced the Secretary. At this meeting the constitution for a Missouri Branch of the League was adopted and a committee was appointed to present the matter to the Missouri State Teachers' Association and to request this body to elect the officers. The president writes that the list will be sent in a few days.

The Secretary was obliged to decline an invitation from the University of Wisconsin to address a meeting of students and citizens, but a most profitable three days was spent in Chicago interviewing people who will promote the educational peace work in Illinois. Superintendent Ella Flagg Young gave assurances of her assistance in the organization of an Illinois Branch. The Secretary also secured the acceptance of Mr. Harlow N. Higinbotham for the chairman of the finance committee of the League.

An exceptionally strong Branch was organized at Bay City, Mich., on October 28, with Mr. E. C. Warriner,

Superintendent of Schools in Saginaw, president, and Miss Emma Ackerman of Bay City, secretary. At the meeting of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association, which was addressed by Professor P. P. Claxton, the following committee was appointed to complete the organization of the Wisconsin Branch: President Albert Salisbury, Normal School, Whitewater, chairman; Hon. C. P. Cary, State Superintendent of Instruction, Madison; Miss Emma J. Gardner, Milwaukee; Superintendent F. A. Harrison, Rhinelander; Principal D. E. Schuler, Milwaukee.

Professor Claxton has rendered invaluable service to the League the past autumn. He has given addresses at the following places, and where he has not organized a State Branch, has left the ground prepared for future work: Hamilton County Teachers' Institute, Ohio; Kansas State Teachers' Association, Topeka; Michigan State Teachers' Association, Bay City; South Dakota State Teachers' Association, Huron; Iowa State Teachers' Association, Des Moines; Wisconsin State Teachers' Association, Milwaukee; Nebraska State Teachers' Association, Lincoln; and the First Congressional District Teachers' Association, Wickliffe, Ky.

Many of the Branches formed last year are reporting their annual meetings, which are always held with the State Teachers' Association. The demand for speakers is great, and the best are sought. Miss Gertrude Motter, President of the Northwestern Oklahoma Teachers' Association and President of the Oklahoma Branch, writes: "We want a speaker who can hold an audience spell-bound, and launch this work as a desirable part of our program."

The Arkansas Branch has planned a unique program. It consists of an introductory address by the president; the annual report of the secretary; an address, "The Significance of the Peace Movement," by J. L. Bond, Little Rock; and a Round Table discussion including six speakers—all teachers. Each of these teachers has written the Secretary of the League for information and literature, and there is no doubt but that this meeting will prove most illuminating and far-reaching.

One of the most important objects of the State Branches is to get the teachers to study the movement and to make appropriate applications to the specific work of the school. Nothing is more authoritative in the educational peace movement than the opinion of a fellow teacher who has studied the subject both from the viewpoint of a world movement and the responsibility of the school to promote its development.

The plan of the Arkansas Branch to reach the teachers of the State might well be copied. Miss Atkins, the secretary, writes: "I intend to get into communication with at least one teacher in every county, and send a monthly report of the work accomplished to the *Arkansas School Journal*."

The League has been greatly assisted in its work by some of the peace societies of the country. It is in constant communication with the secretary of the Mohonk Conference, who refers communications expressly concerned with school work to the Secretary of the League. The New York Peace Society, since its initiative in organizing the New York Branch of the League, has kept in close touch with the officers of the Branch and has been instrumental in arranging a program for the annual meeting of the New York Branch of the League. The

Pennsylvania Arbitration and Peace Society has made arrangements for the organization of a Pennsylvania Branch of the League which will be formed at the coming meeting of the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association. The chairman of the Peace Committee of the Friends Church in Earlham, Ind., Mr. Allen D. Hole, wrote some two months ago: "The Peace Committee of our Church (Friends), of which I am chairman, plans to put into the hands of all teachers in this county (Wayne) information in regard to the American School Peace League. We are assured of the cooperation of the county and city superintendents of schools, and think it wiser to send out the literature through the superintendents' offices. Can you furnish us about two hundred and twenty-five copies of the blank form for enrollment and an equal number of copies of a booklet or circular explaining exactly the scope and aims of the League?" About three hundred annual reports were sent to Mr. Hole, and on December 16 he wrote that all had been distributed and at the same time sent in a large number of filled-out application blanks, with a list of the commissioned high schools in Indiana. Mr. Hole also assures us that his committee is very willing to assist in the State work.

The International Conciliation Association and the International School of Peace have sent gratis quantities of literature at our request to students and teachers all over the country. Mr. Louis P. Lochner, General Secretary of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, rendered valuable aid during the convention of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association.

Many responses have come in from the Peace Prize Essay Contest, and at the present time nearly every State of the Union has been heard from. Several high and normal school principals and a few superintendents write that their pupils will compete as a body.

During the past month the League has received support from a most interesting source. Mr. T. S. Linn, one of the Chinese government students, who is now at the University of Maine, writes as follows: "I enjoy reading the First Annual Report of the American School Peace League, and have perfect confidence in its fruitful results which its advocates are striving to bring about. In sympathy with this movement, let me annually contribute five dollars for its noble cause, and let me apply for membership if a foreigner be eligible. As Commissioner Brown says, it is very true that a fair understanding of the other nations of the earth is the surest basis of honorable peace and an indispensable element in modern education. This being so, I take pleasure to present a year's subscription of the *Chinese Students' Monthly* to any library that you may deem will reach the greatest possible number of American students' attention. For these two purposes I enclose herewith money orders and an ordering letter, which will be handy for you to order the said periodicals, to be sent anywhere you see fit."

The Secretary of the League has sent the *Chinese Students' Monthly* to the John B. Stetson University, Fla., whose president is Mr. Lincoln Hulley, one of the most active workers in the State Branch work of the League.

On February 25 the Secretary will address the department of Superintendence of the National Education Association at Mobile, Ala., on "The Peace Movement and the Public Schools."